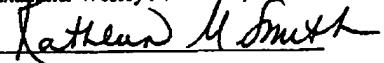


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of: <b>Bulent M. Basol et al.</b>  Serial No. <b>09/982,558</b> Filed: <b>October 17, 2001</b>  For: <b>Method and Apparatus for Avoiding Particle Accumulation in Electrodeposition</b>	Examiner: <b>Wesley A. Nicolas</b> Art Unit: <b>1742</b>  Docket No. <b>042496/0269243</b> Client Ref: <b>NT-213</b>
<b><u>CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION</u></b>  I hereby certify that this communication and any attachments are being transmitted via facsimile to 703-872-9310, Group 1742, Examiner Wesley A. Nicolas, Office of the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on October 13, 2003  	

**RESPONSE and AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Mail Stop Fee Amendment

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed May 15, 2003.

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION**

Applicants request a two-month extension of time from August 15, 2003 to the date hereof to submit this response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 03-3975 (Ref. No. 042496/0269243) for the requisite small-entity extension fee of \$210.00. A Notice of Change of Entity Status accompanies this response.

Please amend the application as follows:

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